

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, new claims 31-58 are added. No new matter is added. Claims 31-58 are pending and under consideration.

The newly added claims are fully supported by the originally filed specification and claims.

Claims 31-37 correspond to the previously allowed claims 8-11 and 28-30 except for minor language adjustments and a modified claim sequence. More specifically, new claim 31 corresponds in subject matter to previously allowed claim 8, new claim 32 corresponds in subject matter to previously-allowed claim 9, new claim 33 corresponds in subject matter to previously-allowed claim 10, new claim 34 corresponds in subject matter to previously-allowed claim 28, new claim 35 corresponds in subject matter to previously-allowed claim 29, new claim 36 corresponds in subject matter to previously-allowed claim 36, and new claim 37 corresponds in subject matter to previously-allowed claim 11. The Examiner's Amendment to the previously-allowed claims as set forth in the Notice of Allowability remains in the applicable claims.

New claims 38-58 are added for further consideration. Specifically, independent claim 38 and related dependent claims 39-47 are directed to a "multilayer film reflection mirror that reflect radiation in a range from vacuum ultraviolet through x-ray", independent claim 48 is directed to an "exposure apparatus" using a multilayer film reflection mirror as described above for claim 38, and independent claim 49 and related dependent claims 50-58 are directed to a "method of manufacturing a multilayer film reflection mirror that reflects radiation in a range from vacuum ultraviolet through x-ray."

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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